

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 1, first paragraph, as follows:

This application is a U.S. National Phase application of PCT/US2003/027739 filed September 5, 2003, and this application is related to the following commonly assigned U.S. Patent Applications: U.S. Patent Application No. 60/500,507 (attorney docket no. 1725.173US01), filed on September 5, 2003, entitled "System and Method for Detection of Specific On-Air Data Rate," U.S. Patent Application No. 60/500,515 (attorney docket no. 1725.162US01), filed September 5, 2003, entitled "System and Method for Mobile Demand Reset," U.S. Patent Application No. 60/500,504 (attorney docket no. 1725.160US01), filed September 5, 2003, entitled "System and Method for Optimizing Contiguous Channel Operation with Cellular Reuse," U.S. Patent Application No. 60/500,479 (attorney docket no. 1725.156US01), filed September 5, 2003, entitled "Synchronous Data Recovery System," U.S. Patent Application No. 60/500,550 (attorney docket no. 1725.161US01), filed September 5, 2003, entitled "Data Communication Protocol in an Automatic Meter Reading System," U.S. Patent Application No. (attorney docket no. 1725.167US01), filed September 5, 2003, entitled "Response Optimization for Mobile and Fixed Network Operations," and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/655,760 (attorney docket no. 10145-8011.US00), filed on September 5, 2003, entitled "Synchronizing and Controlling Software Downloads, such as for Components of a Utility Meter-Reading System," all of which are herein incorporated by reference.